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IRANIAN AND IRAQI CANAL CONSTRUCTIONAL BASRAH AREA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: IRANIAN AND IRAQI CANAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AL BASRAH AREA WAS OBSERVED (GRAPHIC 1) 25X1
2. (SWN) REMARKS: IRANIAN FORCES HAD COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 15 NM CANAL, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRAIN THE IRAQI DEFENSIVE WATER BARRIER EAST OF THE SHATT AL ARAB (GRAPHIC 2). HOWEVER, THE SIZE OF THIS DRAINAGE CANAL IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO REMOVE ENOUGH WATER TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE WATER BARRIER. 25X1
- (SWN) IRAQI FORCES WERE OBSERVED OPENING A THIRD FEEDER CANAL FROM THE SHATT AL ARAB TO THE DEFENSIVE WATER BARRIER (GRAPHIC 3). THIS NEW CANAL WAS 6 NM IN LENGTH AND ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING FEEDER CANAL. THE COMPLETION OF THIS NEW CANAL WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE VOLUME OF WATER PUMPED INTO THE DEFENSIVE WATER BARRIER. 25X1
- (SWN) ADDITIONALLY, IRAQI FORCES WERE CONSTRUCTING A 1.5 NM CANAL, EXTENDING EAST FROM THE DEFENSIVE WATER BARRIER (GRAPHIC 4). WHEN COMPLETE, THIS CANAL WILL ENABLE THE IRAQIS TO FLOOD ADDITIONAL LAND ALONG THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA. 25X1
3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 30-35-50N 048-02-10E
30-34-30N 047-56-50E
30-36-10N 047-57-10E

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